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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment, Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and one (1) set of replacement drawings in the above-identified patent application. Also, enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time, The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Additional Fee
Total Claims	39	41	0 x 50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	4	0 x 200	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$0.00

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- \* Please provide any further extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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